



THE PARISH FLYER - 57

Ferring Parish Council – Summer 2020
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VICE CHAIRMAN STEPHEN ABBOTT WRITES –

If ever there was a reminder of what a fantastic community we have in Ferring, the recent weeks have certainly been that. Individuals, community groups, businesses and the churches coming together to provide information and practical help and support to those who need it most. Although Parish Council Meetings have had to be cancelled, Parish Councillors and the office team are striving to maintain as much normal business as possible and support village initiatives behind the scenes, working from home. Future meeting options are being explored in compliance with regulatory advice.

We will look forward to a full return to normal activities, soon we hope, with revitalised appreciation of our wonderful village and community.

Stephen Abbott,
Vice Chairman, Ferring Parish Council.



PARISH OFFICE - Due to the Coronavirus (Covid 19) the Parish Office is closed to all visitors until further notice. However, the Parish Office staff are contactable to help you.

The Clerk, can be contacted in the office on 01903 249449. When the office is closed, Nadine will be working remotely and can be contacted on 01903 446110. Alternatively send an email parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk



PARISH FLYER DISTRIBUTION - We are unable to distribute every household as normal due to the restrictive circumstances in which we find ourselves at this time. However, it is posted on the parish council website and will also appear on various social media platforms such as Nextdoor and the Ferring Village Facebook account, if possible. Some of our village community groups are circulating a copy of this Flyer too, through their e-mail contact lists. Whichever platform you are viewing this on, if you are able to forward it to personal contacts in the village who might not otherwise see it, please do so.



PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – We would like to remind you that there are local support and information items regularly being updated on our ‘Community’ page <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/community/> and more useful contacts on the ‘I want to...’ page.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Unfortunately, the Annual Parish Meeting for 2020 has had to be cancelled due to the current restrictions. The Annual Parish Meeting was established in 1894 and consists of the local government representatives and the residents of a parish. It usually contains presentations of reports by the Parish Council and by District and County Councillors. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss parish affairs with residents.



ANNUAL MEETING OF FERRING PARISH COUNCIL - This is a statutory meeting and due to the present restrictions arrangements to hold the AGM are currently being reviewed in line with regulatory advice. The principal business and first agenda items are to elect a Chairman and then a Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. The committee structure is also likely to be agreed at this meeting and the normal business of the council proceeds in accordance with the published agenda. The Parish Council is scheduling to pursue with this meeting using a remote internet platform on Monday 18th May 2020.



WAR MEMORIAL - The memorial is looking resplendent again following an inspection and thorough clean by a professional monument company, as planned, in time for the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th May. A brief history of the memorial by Ed. Miller, courtesy of the Ferring History Group, can be found on the Parish Council website under the Home tab on the main menu or use <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/about/ferring-parish-council/ferring-war-memorial-2/>



VILLAGE GREEN - The Village Green is receiving some particular attention with visible improvement from a revised grass cutting procedure. Work on the frontage opposite the shops continues although it has suffered delays due to the exceptionally wet autumn/winter conditions and then the operational impacts of the pandemic. Arun District Council contractors will be progressing with the weed control, seeding and replanting as their disrupted schedule permits.



BONFIRES - Arun District Council advice in relation to Bonfires: Smoke and smells from bonfires can aggravate respiratory problems such as asthma, bronchitis and COPD and affect those with heart complaints, causing breathing difficulties to those most vulnerable to Coronavirus. Do not burn garden waste, paper, or any other waste, under any circumstances and be mindful of neighbours and fellow members of the community.



HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Discussions have been held with Compass bus and WSCC concerning the route through Ferring. At this stage there is no agreed solution. The Parish Council has addressed the issue of parking at the north end of Langbury Lane to WSCC but no solution has been agreed.



THE GLEBELANDS OPPORTUNITY - Work continues on the GPG Project but is limited in this current situation. An extension in principle has been agreed with WSCC for any decision on this project, due to the current need to postpone public consultations.



SPEED MONITORING - In response to comments from residents, the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign has recently been deployed on Sea Lane (northbound at the junction of St Malo Close) and at Ferringham Lane (heading into the Village from the A259 before the left-hand bend). In both locations, 3 -5 % of vehicles exceed the speed limit, however less than 1% are travelling above 35mph. Vehicle numbers have decreased by around 50% since the Coronavirus prevention measures were introduced. More detailed summaries of the findings can be found on the parish council website 'I want to' page <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/i-want-to/>



KEEP FERRING TIDY - The Parish Council have been made aware of an increasing problem with litter and dog fouling within various locations of the village. There are numerous litter and dog bins located around the village. Please 'pick up' and dispose in the correct bins provided around the village. Thank you for helping to keep Ferring tidy.



ADC PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)
Arun District Council has formally agreed the introduction of a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to tackle anti-social behaviour in the district, effective from 1 April 2020. This places a control on drinking alcohol and requires people not to behave anti-socially in public places. Full details of the Order and maps of the restricted areas can be found at www.arun.gov.uk/pspo.



LOVE WEST SUSSEX MOBILE APP – This is a West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Mobile Application. Residents can report environmental issues such as highways matters including potholes, damage to street furniture or fly-tipping through their mobile phones; WSSC will manage and respond using their integrated services.



CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:
Online using our website contact form at <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/contact/>
Email your comments to parishoffice@feringparishcouncil.org.uk
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